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For: SURFACE MOUNT CAPTIVE SCREW FERRULE FOR PCB

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks:

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For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-2, 4-8, 13, 15-18 and 20-22 are patentably distinguished over any combination of Gulistan and DiBene, and are in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection of Claims 3, 14 and 19

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 14 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being considered to be unpatentable over Gulistan, alone, or Gulistan in view of DiBene as applied to claims 1, 9, 13 and 17-18 (as discussed above), and further in view of Schwarz.

Applicant has cancelled claims 3, 14 and 19, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Condition for Allowance

Applicant submits that all rejections and objections have been overcome and the present application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any additional charges or shortages related to the present communication, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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